

to the tip of Florida...

HAVE YOU HEARD?

CALICO CROSS ROADS, N. C.—Leslie Venters, Secretary of the local Observation Post, is quite sure a lot of newspapers never heard of this place, but he is also sure that the citizens of this small pineland community have one of the better Observation Posts in the First Fighter Command.

"When war was declared we used a little house for our post, but then our people got together and built a new one. We are just as conscious of the importance of keeping our post in operation as they are in and near the big cities," he said.

Charles Jones is Chief Observer.

OH BOY! A FISH FRY!

SOUTH JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—The observers of this post celebrated its first anniversary recently with a fish fry, presided over by Clifford E. Bird, Chief Observer.

C. Frank Whitehead, Area Supervisor for Duval County, and Charles E. Flynn, District Director, commended the observers on their loyalty, particularly those serving on the "graveyard" shift.

Seventy-five pounds of fish, plus all the "fixins," were consumed.

SPOTTERS VISIT PLANES

TAMPA, FLA. — More than 8000 Aircraft Warning Observers from the Tampa Region and volunteers from the Tampa Information Center have seen, admired and even patted on the back the types of planes they report so often to the Filter Center from their lookout Posts. It happened at the first demonstration of its kind, held recently at Henderson Field. Granted extra gasoline if necessary to attend, virtually every "spotter" in the 26 counties in the area took advantage of the opportunity to examine first hand every type of plane based in the state. Admittance was by identification card or special invitation only.

Thirty aircraft were on hand, but the sleek P-38 stole the show. The dive-bombers, heading toward the spectators from 6000 feet and the swift P-40s staging a dog fight also were popular. For more than two hours the "spotters" and I.C.V.'s stared to their heart's content at the bomb bays, the guns, the camouflage paint jobs and anything else about the aircraft that attracted their curiosity. An explanation of each plane was given over a loud speaker beginning at 3:15 P.M., and continued until

5 P.M. Following the description of each plane as it appeared on the ground, the aircraft was zoomed into the air and its characteristics in action were pointed out.



New Observation Post in Rhode Island.

TOWN OFFICIALS HELP

ISLAND OF JAMESTOWN, RHODE ISLAND—Town officials aided Henry Newcombe, Area Supervisor, in drawing up plans for the new Observation Post here, which commands a 360-degree unobstructed view of the surrounding country.

Chief Observer—Mrs. Georgina L. Day.

THREE POSTS A UNIT

GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y.—Harold Wilmot Post of the American Legion here not only organized, equipped and manned three Observation Posts in their jurisdictional area, but they conceived and perfected an efficient organization which operates these posts as a unit.

Under the supervision of Chief Observers Lauren Sart and Jack Lalley, this organization arranged and produced an "Honor Roll" exhibit, which has been displayed in the Chamber of Commerce headquarters. The "Roll" contains the names of the 448 observers, whose faithful service has made it possible to man these posts 24 hours daily.

RECRUITING EFFORT

WESTFIELD, MASS.—Stanley K. Smith, organizer of two Observation Posts near here, maintains continuous correspondence with officials of clubs and societies in this region, in an effort to recruit volunteers.

KNOWS FROM EXPERIENCE

CHARLESTON, S. C.—There's a reason why Mrs. Charles P. Cecil is a staunch worker at the Information Center here. She was with her husband, Captain Cecil, USN, at Pearl Harbor when the Japs struck. Mrs. Cecil knows the consequences of sudden aerial attack and is all-out for preparedness on these shores.

AND SHE'S EIGHTY

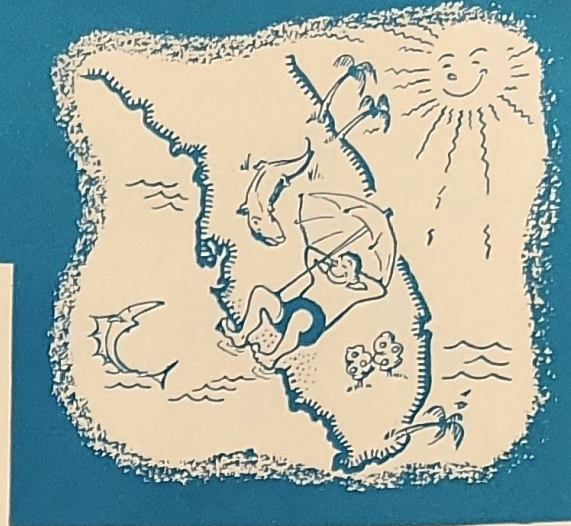
DUNBAN, PA.—Eighty years young and a Gold Star Mother of World War I is Mrs. "Muzzy" Keffer, local observer. Chief Observer H. J. Carr says that Mrs. Keffer volunteered her services, takes a regular trick of two hours per week and hikes a half mile each way to and from the post.

FROM AWS TO RC

BUFFALO, N. Y.—From AWS to Red Cross work is the course taken by Miss Beatrice Massman, assistant shift supervisor at the Information Center here. She is now in Washington, D. C. for three weeks of instruction and training for overseas duty as staff assistant in recreation for the Red Cross Foreign Service.

VISIT FROM GOVERNOR

BURLINGTON, VT.—John M. Morrow and Ernest C. Bratt were just a little surprised re-



cently, when Governor William H. Wills dropped in at their post for an 11 p.m. visit. It was social, however, and the Governor took occasion to congratulate the observers, pointing out the importance of the Ground Observer Corps in the defense effort.

Morrow and Bratt are instructors at Burlington Junior-Senior High School.

GUIDE RESCUE EFFORT

PENNSGROVE, N. J. — Mrs. Myrtle Winslow and Mrs. Ivy Stout, local observers, were instrumental in rescuing a pilot recently, when they observed a crash near their post. With the aid of Russel Lloyd, George McCormick and Philip Kupsky, who were playing nearby, they reported the crash to Headquarters, and guided rescue efforts.

WAR MOTHER GETS PIN

NORFOLK, VA.—With three sons and one son-in-law in the armed forces, Mrs. Margaret Wilson of the Information Center here was the recipient of a beautiful pin from the National Emblem Association. Captain Clarence C. Klein of the Norfolk Air Defense Wing made the presentation.



Two of Jacksonville's leading stores recently cooperated with the Aircraft Warning Service to the extent of presenting effective window displays in connection with the drive for volunteers. One of these is shown here. At both stores booths were placed in front of the windows, and recruiters approached all passers-by. According to reports, the results have been excellent.